



FIQH CLASS

ISLAMIC LAWS

ALLAH'S DOs AND DONTs

What is fiqh?

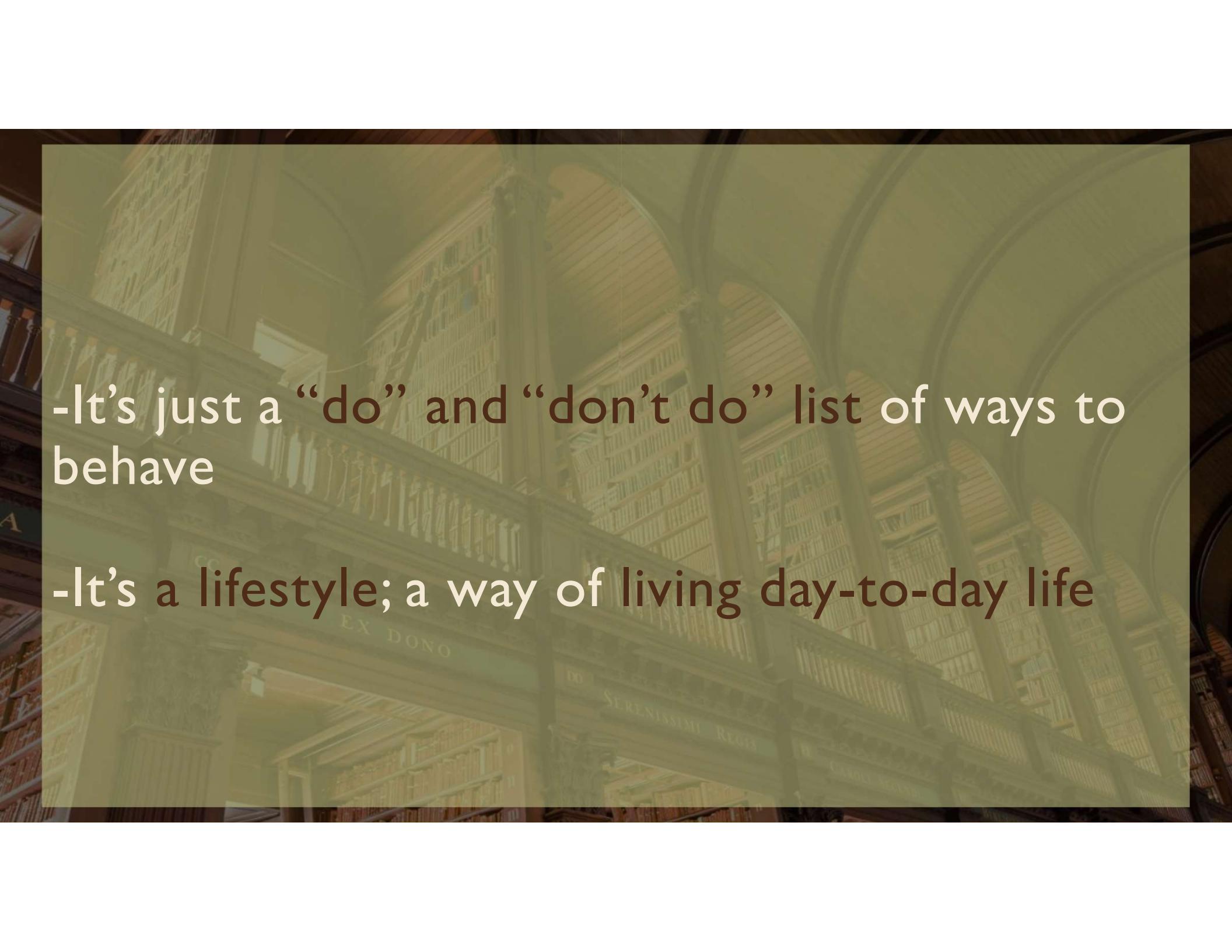
-Fiqh means “understanding”

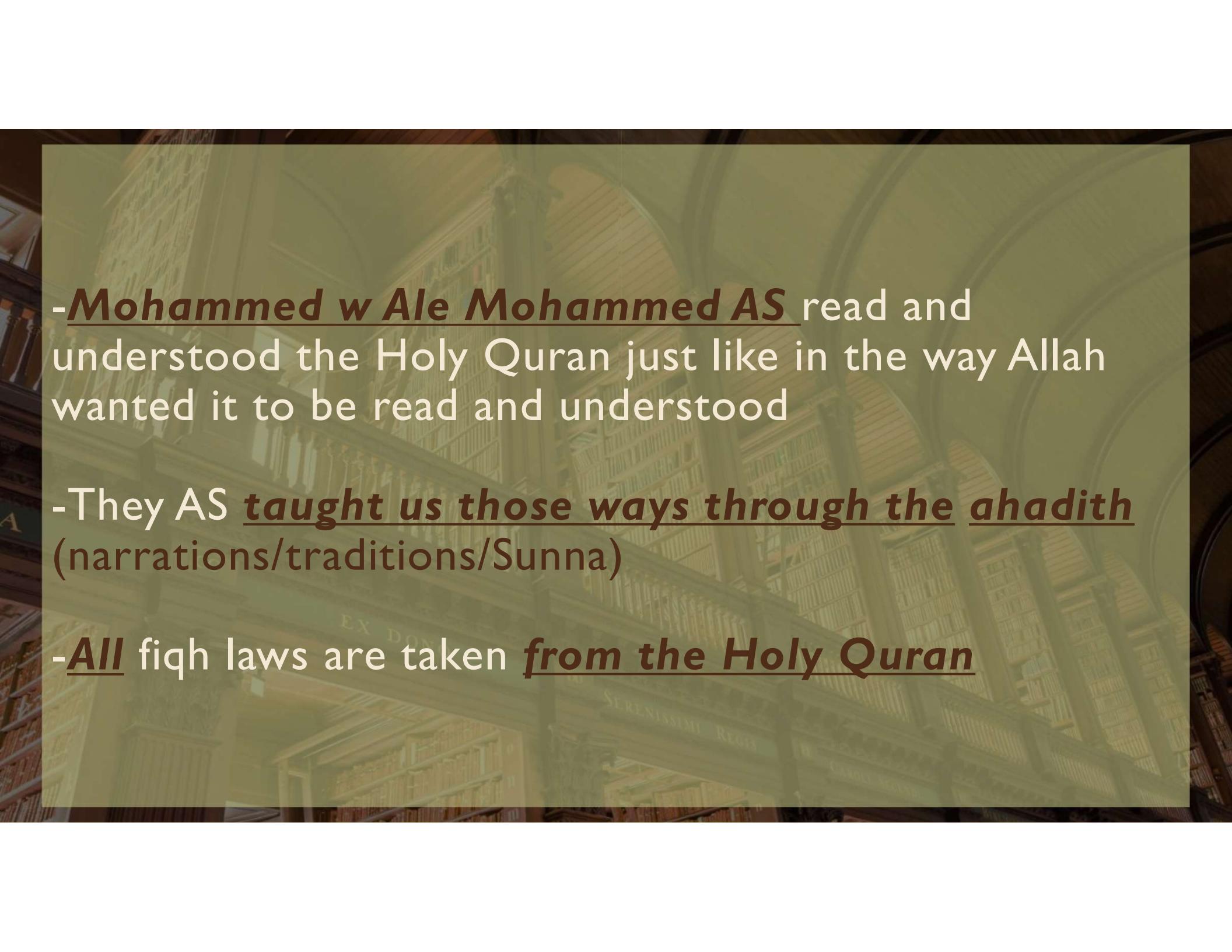
-Understanding what Allah says:

- >to do
- >to not do

It applies to things like:

- daily prayers
 - fasting
 - hajj pilgrimage
 - zakat and khums (taxes)
 - jihad (struggling in terms of being trying hard to be pious)
 - ta-walla (being or associating w. they who love Ahl al-Bait AS)*
 - ta-barra (staying away from they who oppose Ahl al-Bait AS)*
- * it means to be with people who help and encourage you to be like the Holy Prophet S

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- A photograph of a grand library interior. The ceiling is high with large, ornate arches. The walls are filled with floor-to-ceiling bookshelves packed with books. The lighting is warm and focused on the shelves, creating a scholarly atmosphere.
- It's just a “do” and “don’t do” list of ways to behave
 - It’s a lifestyle; a way of living day-to-day life

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- Mohammed w Ale Mohammed AS** read and understood the Holy Quran just like in the way Allah wanted it to be read and understood
 - They AS **taught us those ways through the ahadith** (narrations/traditions/Sunna)
 - All** fiqh laws are taken **from the Holy Quran**

The Holy Quran & The Ahadeeth

- Al-Thaqualain means: the two precious gifts
- In some translations: the two weighted things
- It could mean: two anchors to keep us grounded and sure-footed
 - Imam Hussain AS is called: Safinat al-Najaat
>The Rescue Ship... so it has strong anchors to keep it in one place (grounded; sure-footed), and keeps us safe

-Correct fiqh laws:

- >help you think about what Allah wants (Allah's pleasure)
- >help you achieve peace of mind
- >help you become a better person (morally, ethically)
- >help you focus on the afterlife in heaven

-Incorrect fiqh laws:

- >confuses you about what is right vs. what is wrong
- >makes you dependent on other people's opinions (ie. instead of what Allah wants)
- >you become politically-minded and insincere about religion
- >you focus on this temporary material world

Basic Key Concept(s):

things that purify (*halal & tahir*) vs. things that taint/corrupt/contaminate (*haram & najis*)

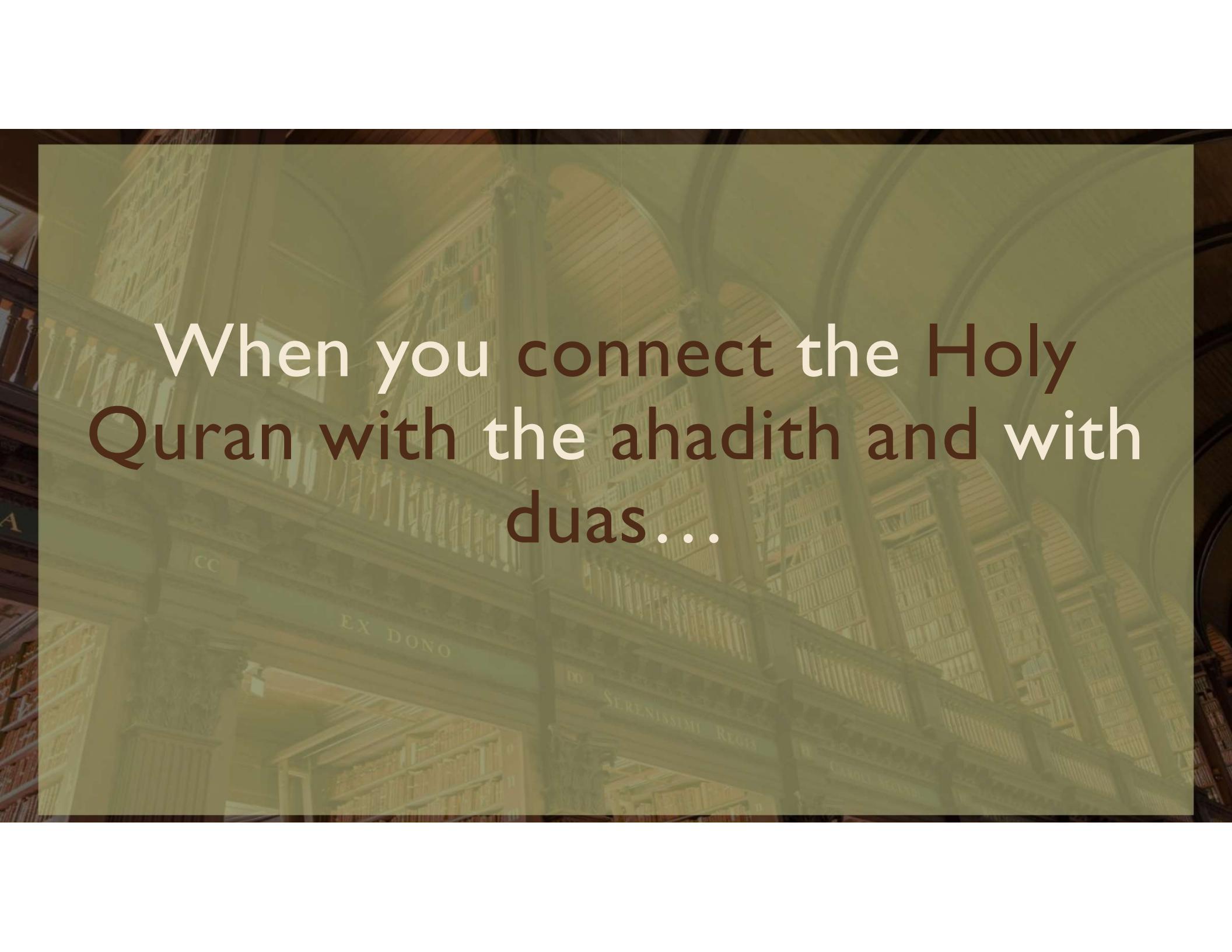
- plain water or “pure water” vs. mixed water or tainted water
- flowing water vs. stationary water
- one kurr of water (approx. 400L in volume)
- one mudd (a weight measuring 750 mL or 750 g)
- types of sand(s), soil(s), dirt, and dust
- the direction of the Holy Mosque of the Kaaba in Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- location of the sun: in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening
- visibility of the new moon
- fasting: required, optional, and compensatory
- zakat and khums (Islamic taxes)
- the hajj pilgrimage; types of jihad; loans and doing business; marriage; divorce; oaths; hunting/food; charity and endowments; wills; inheritance; crime and punishment; compensation and restitution

POINT:

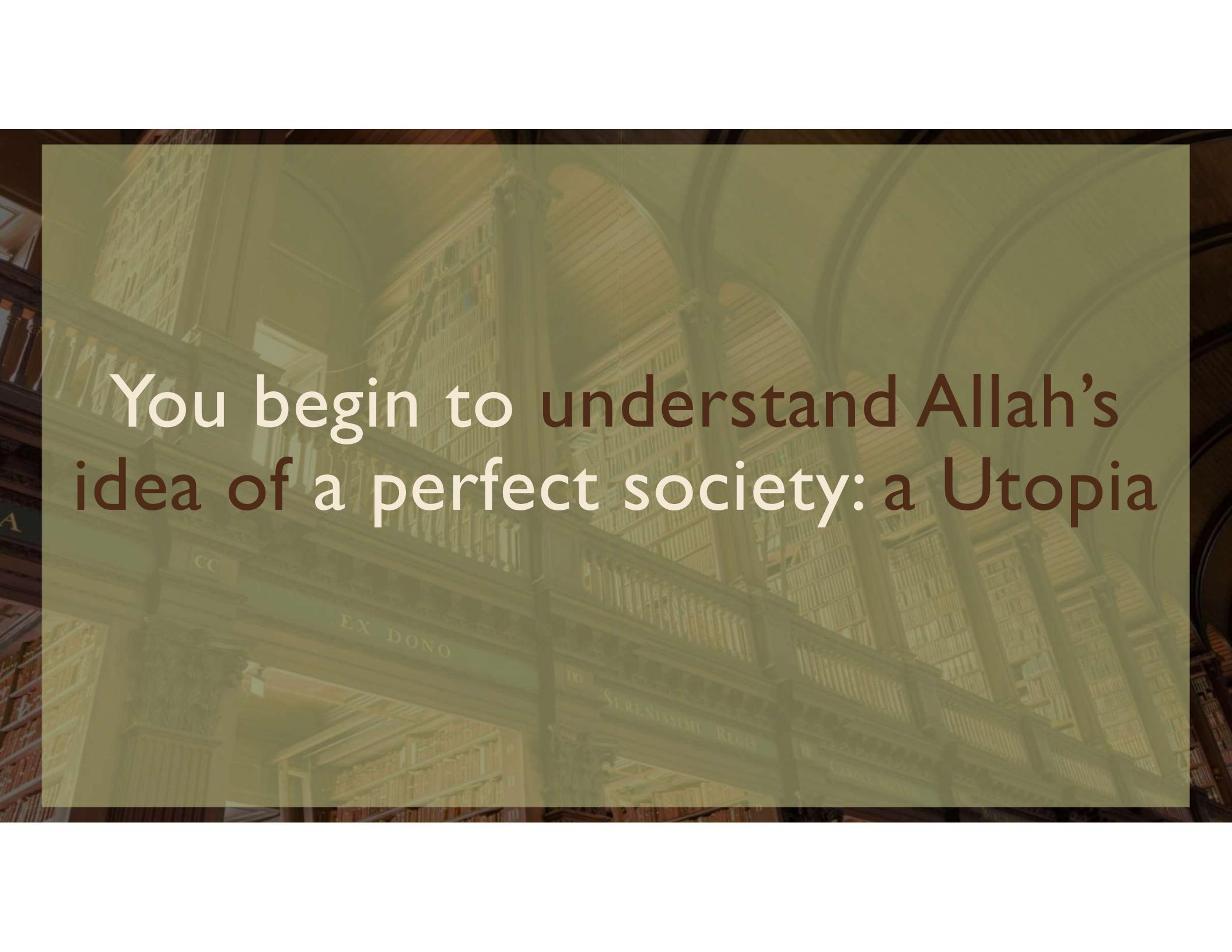
- gain an awareness of important aspects of real-life situations
 - minor details that help you live better and more wisely
 - know where you stand from Allah's point of view
 - peace of mind from knowing Allah's law
 - become less dependent on others' opinions and get more control over your own life
- >the more you practice what you learn, the better you will understand:
- verses of the Holy Quran
 - entire duas (e.g. dua al-Iftetah, dua Kumail)
 - appreciate Allah's vision of what a good society should be like



**Fiqh connects the Holy Quran
with the ahadith and with duas**



When you connect the Holy
Quran with the ahadith and with
duas...



You begin to understand Allah's
idea of a perfect society: a Utopia

Dua al-Iftetah

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَرْغُبُ إِلَيْكَ فِي دُولَةٍ كَرِيمَةٍ

O Allah, we really want to live in the Utopia [that you have envisioned]

تُعِزُّ بِهَا إِلِسْلَامَ وَأَهْلَهُ

and through which Islam and its followers will be empowered

وَتُذْلِلُ بِهَا الْنِفَاقَ وَأَهْلَهُ

and through which hypocrites will be humiliated

وَتَجْعَلُنَا فِيهَا مِنَ الْدُّعَاءِ إِلَى طَاعَتِكَ

and please count us among they who invite people towards obeying You

وَالْقَادِةِ إِلَى سَبِيلِكَ

and who lead them to Your approved path

وَتَرْزُقُنَا بِهَا كَرَامَةَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

and give us the good in this world and in the world to come.

Dua Kumail
أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّكَ وَفُدْسِكَ

I ask You by Your Right and Your Holiness [of being worthy of worship]

وَأَعْظَمْ صِفَاتِكَ وَأَسْمَائِكَ

And by the greatest of Your Attributes and Names [in all that You are and all that You can do]

أَن تَجْعَلَ أَوْفَاتِي فِي اللَّيلِ وَالنَّهَارِ بِذِكْرِكَ مَعْمُورَةً،

That You instill in me the decency to devote my time, day and night, to Your remembrance [praise]

وَيَخْدُمْتِكَ مَوْصُولَةً،

And such that I stay continuously in Your service [focused on You and on obeying You; as per fiqh laws]

وَأَعْمَالِي عِنْدَكَ مَفْبُولَةً،

And that you accept all that I can do [to understand and practice what You want done]

حَتَّى تَكُونَ أَعْمَالِي وَأَوْرَادِي كُلُّهَا وِرْدًا وَاجِدًا،

To the point that all my actions and my thoughts fall in line with what You want

وَحَالِي فِي خِدْمَاتِكَ سَرْمَدًا

And that this becomes my way of life in devotion to You

At this point ask yourself what is your understanding about:

1. What was:

The religion Imam Hussain AS give his life to protect.

2. What do we mean by:

Live like Ali AS, die like Hussain AS!

Labaika Yaa Hussain!

Labaika Yaa Zahra!

3. What did the Holy Prophet S mean when he S said:

I am from Hussain, and Hussain is from me.

4. What does Allah mean when He says:

يَأَيُّهَا النَّفْسُ الْمُطْمَئِنَةُ ارْجِعِي إِلَى رَبِّكَ رَاضِيًّا مَرْضِيًّا

O soul that is at peace! Return to your Lord: you well-pleased with him and Him well-pleased with you

5. What do you mean when you say:

I am Shia: I love and follow the Ahl al-Baith AS

The actual fiqh material/lessons we will learn:

- Will seem heavy with details and boring (sometimes)
 - None of it is a waste of time
 - We will know right from wrong
 - We will benefit for our selves
 - We will become beneficial for our family and friends; our society
 - Understanding Allah's laws, as taught by Ahl al-Baith AS empowers us
- > Keep focus on the main points in this introduction
- They will become the source of energy and enthusiasm that is needed to help understand: fiqh, aqaed, and everything else we will learn in our Islamic Studies

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